

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 USC §102

The Office rejected **claims 1** as being anticipated by Zeller (U.S. Pat. No. 4,425,317). The applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, claim 1 was amended to incorporate all elements of claim 2, which was found allowable over the identified art. Therefore, the rejection should be moot. Claim 2 was canceled, and claim 3 was corrected accordingly.

35 USC §102/103


The Office rejected **claims 5-6** as being anticipated or obvious over Zeller as applied above and in view of "Unit Operations of Chemical Engineering" by McCabe et al. Again, the applicant respectfully disagrees. However, as amended claim 1 conforms to allowable claim 2, the rejection should be moot.

Request For Allowance

Claims 1 and 3-20 are pending in this application. The applicant requests allowance of all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,
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